

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of persons waiting for telephone connections category-wise as on 31.10.96 and total installed capacity in West Bengal, including Calcutta, are given below:

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1339	2454	171978	175771

The total installed capacity is 777917 lines the oldest applicant waiting for telephone connection in Calcutta telephones is since 28.2.93 and in W. Bengal Telecom Circle is since 01.06.88.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

The West Bengal Telecom Circle and Calcutta Telephones propose to increase the installed capacity of the existing exchanges by 135300 lines during 1996-97. It is proposed to set up 64 new electronic exchanges in West Bengal circle and 37 new exchanges in Calcutta Telephones during 1996-97.

(d) The existing waiting list is likely to be cleared by March 1998.

Telephone Adalats

2907. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone adalats organised in Gujarat specially in Badodara, Bharuch and Panchmahal districts, during the last three years,

(b) the number of cases disposed of in these adalats during the above period, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to organise such adalats during the next financial year also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). No. of Telephone Adalats organised/cases disposed off are indicated below :

Name of the District/Circle	No. of Adalats held			No. of cases disposed off		
	93-94	94-95	95-96	93-94	94-95	95-96
1. Bharuch	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Panchmahal	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Vadodara	2	4	4	42	65	21
4. Gujarat Circle	21	20	20	385	507	386

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per DOT guidelines, Telephone Adalats are to be held quarterly by each Telecom District/Circle

(e) Not applicable.

Electrification of Railway Route

2908. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) the portion of railway lines has since been covered under the electrification programme;

(b) the plans of the Government in this regard for the period upto the year 2000; and

(c) the amount provided for this purpose in the current financial year and proposed to be provided for the subsequent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) As on 31.10.96, 13035 route kilometre of track have been electrified on Indian Railways.

(b) About 2200 route kilometre are planned to be electrified upto the year 2000, provided that adequate funds are made available in time.

(c) Rs. 330.70 crore are provided during the current financial year and funds earmarked for the IX Five Year Plan i.e. 1997-98 to 2001-2002 are Rs. 1800 crore.

Introduction of New Train from Solapur to Bangalore

2909. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start new train between Solapur to Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Introduction of Direct Train between Howrah and Ramagundam

2910. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand of the people of Ramagundam, Andhra Pradesh for direct train service between Howrah and Ramagundam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Some representations have been received in this regard.

(d) There is no proposal at present to introduce a direct train between Howrah and Ramagundam.

Electrification of Railway Route in Tamil Nadu

2911. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) the length of rail lines that have been electrified so far in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the length of rail lines that remained to be electrified and the target fixed for 1996-97 in the State; and

(c) the time by which the pending electrification works of rail lines are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Out of the total of 4005 route kilometre of rail line in Tamil Nadu, 832 route kilometre have been electrified upto 31.3.96. There is no pending electrification works in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Air Port Building at Bhopal

2912. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that the airport building at Bhopal is being renovated and extended;

(b) if so, the total budget for the purpose, the amount spent so far and the likely expenditure during 1996-97;

(c) the items of work taken up in hand and the time by which the construction is likely to be completed;

(d) the length of run-way at the Bhopal airport;

(e) whether the present length is adequate to land an Air Bus; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The terminal Building at Bhopal airport is being expanded and modified at a cost of Rs. 448 lakhs, out of which Rs. 138.71 lakhs have already been spent. The amount earmarked for 1996-97 is Rs. 150 lakhs.

(c) The existing building is being expanded to provide a public concourse area of 975 sq. m. and air conditioned departure hold area of 290 sq.m. with all modern facilities to handle 125 arriving and 125 departing passengers. The work is likely to be completed by December, 1997.

(d) to (f). The length of the runway at Bhopal airport is 6700 ft and is suitable for the operation of Airbus AB-320 with load penalty.

[Translation]

Electrification of Railway Routes

2913. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Kota-Neemach and Kota-Beena sections in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no proposal at present to electrify Kota-Nimach and Kota-Beena sections in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electrification projects are capital intensive and as such only those broad gauge routes over which the traffic density is high and the return on investment is not less than the minimum prescribed are considered for electrification. Kota-Nimach and Kota-Bina sections do not qualify for electrification at present.

Incentive Reward Scheme

2914. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is incentive reward scheme in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is being misused by the management and high officials;

(d) whether employees are being exploited by officers and management under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. In order to motivate employees for higher production/productivity, better quality and improved techno-economic factors, incentive and reward schemes have been framed and implemented in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) *Incentive Scheme* :

The scheme is based on production performance of various installed units expressed in performance index (PI) and quality/techno-economic factors. All non-executives and executives upto E-5 grade are covered under the scheme. The incentive is paid on proportionate basis to an individual depending on actual attendance during a month. The maximum payment potential for the lowest and highest level of non-executives under the incentive scheme varies from about Rs. 430/- to Rs. 1280/- per month depending on the performance.